

SHA TO REPLACE DETERIORATING BRIDGE

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will replace the bridge on MD 550 over Israel Creek in Frederick County. The main objectives of this project are to replace the deteriorating bridge, minimize a frequent roadway flooding condition at this location, and increase the width of the bridge to provide a safer traveled area. The reduction of roadway flooding will be achieved by eliminating the piers and changing the alignment of the bridge opening with respect to the stream.

For additional information, you are invited to attend a Public Meeting on April 26, 2011.

The Informational Meeting will acquaint the public with the project and provide citizens an opportunity to inform SHA of any special concerns they may have. Display areas will be set up depicting the anticipated project work, and SHA representatives will be available to discuss project issues and answer questions concerning the proposed construction. No formal presentation will be given. Feel free to arrive at any time and walk through at your own pace.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why is the work necessary?

The MD 550 bridge, constructed in 1924 and lengthened in 1978, is structurally safe but showing signs of significant deterioration. This project is part of SHA's bridge preservation and replacement program aimed at providing reliable facilities in a timely manner.

How will traffic be impacted by construction activities?

The current proposed method for maintaining traffic is to maintain two-way traffic in one traffic lane through a system of traffic signals located at each end of the project. This method has been used successfully on many other SHA projects.

Have any other alternatives been considered?

Several options to rehabilitate the bridge while minimizing impacts to the public have been considered. Maintaining both lanes of traffic during construction was not an option because the bridge is too narrow to maintain both lanes and perform rehabilitation work. Widening the bridge for maintenance of traffic would increase costs and impacts to sensitive environmental areas. Consideration was also given to closing the roadway and detouring all traffic to adjacent highways, but while this had the advantage of allowing the project to be completed in the shortest time, it was not ideal due to the length of the detour required for truck traffic on this route.

When will work be completed?

Construction is scheduled to begin spring 2012 and expected to be complete by early fall 2012, weather permitting.

See map on reverse side

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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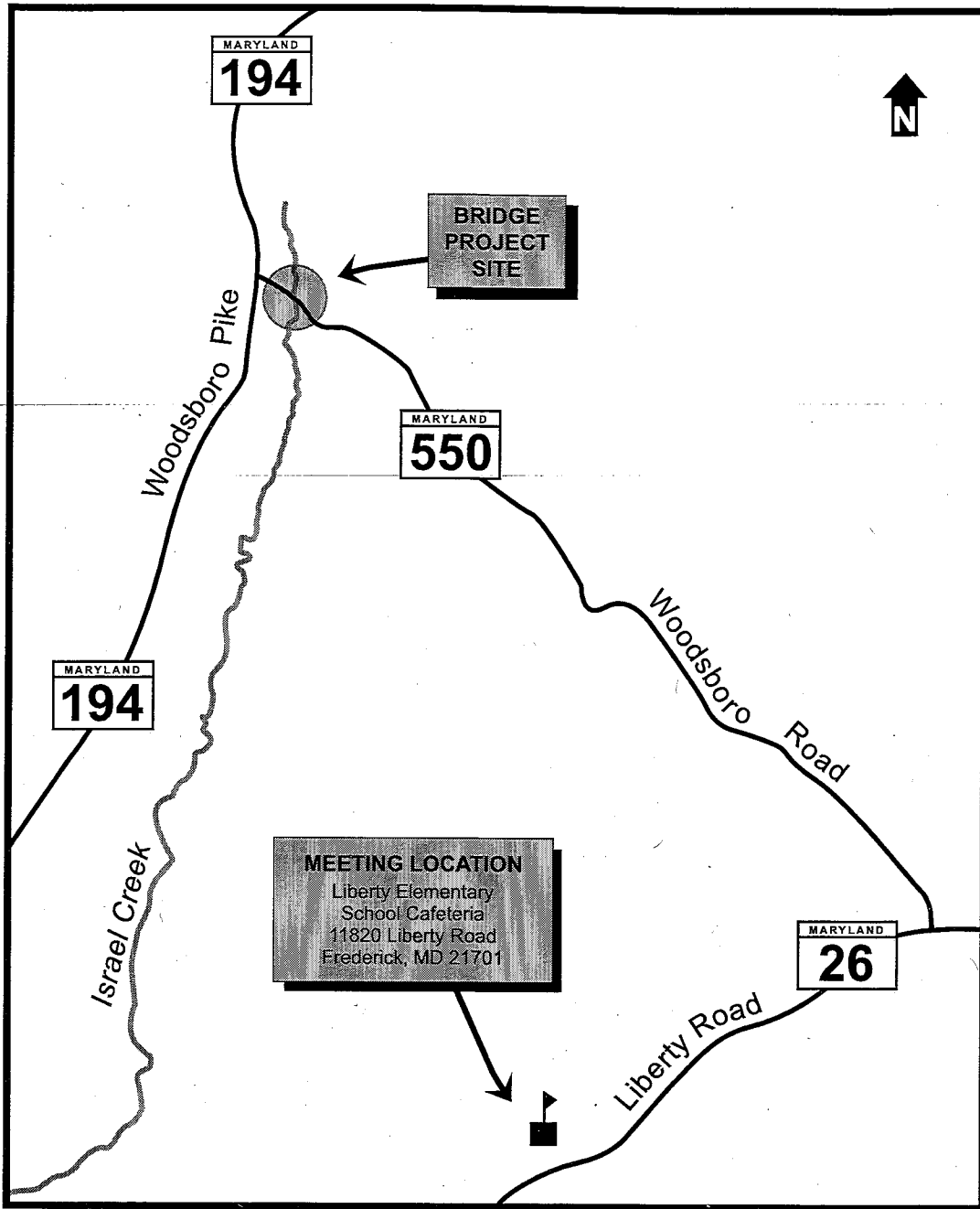
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REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 711. Persons requiring assistance to participate (interpreter for hearing/ speech disabilities or who need assistance with the English language) should contact Mr. Robert by April 19, 2011.

SHA appreciates the patience and cooperation of the community and apologizes for any inconvenience. SHA reminds motorists to "think orange" when driving through work zones by staying alert and slowing down. Always buckle up, and please drive safely.



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